



Once upon a time, very long ago, there lived a King and Queen. Everyone is gathered for a christening party for the royal baby Aurora.

The king and queen enter, followed by 6 fairies and the court. Each fairy offers the princess a gift, dancing a solo. Just before the sixth fairy can offer her gift, a wicked fairy, called Carabosse, enters, interrupting the ceremony. She places a curse on the baby. On her sixteenth birthday she is to die when she pricks her finger on a spindle. The Lilac fairy softens the curse, saying she will not die, but live sleep for 100 years, and then she will be wakened by the kiss of a prince.

Prelude

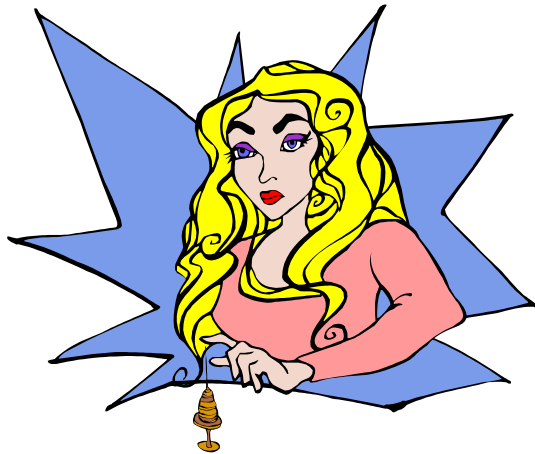
Act one opens at Princess Aurora's is celebrating her sixteenth birthday. It seems as if the curse of the evil fairy has come to nothing. Four princes have come to celebrate Princess Aurora's Birthday, and she must chose one of them as a husband. Princess Aurora dances with each prince, who offers her a rose, and tells her how much he loves her. What poor Princess Aurora does not know, however is that the evil fairy, Carabosse, is also there, disguised. She hands Aurora a bouquet of flowers, and Aurora pricks her finger on the spindle that is hidden inside. The entire kingdom falls asleep as the Lilac Fairy casts her softening spell of 100 years sleep. All await the prince who will come to break the spell.

Act 1

Act two opens with Prince Desiré on a hunting party 100 years later. As prince Desiré is left alone beside a lake for a moment, the Lilac Fairy comes to him to show him a vision of Princess Aurora. He is enchanted by this vision, and asks the Lilac Fairy to lead him to the beautiful sleeping princess. Carabosse, however does not want her spell broken, and is waiting for the prince. A mighty battle is fought, and the prince defeats the evil fairy, with the Lilac Fairy's help. As Prince Desiré finds the Sleeping Beauty inside, he wakes her up with a kiss, just as was foretold.

Act 2

Act three is a culmination dance - in honour of the wedding of Princess Aurora and Prince Desiré. Many fairy tale characters come to dance at the marvellous feast. At the end of the feast the King and Queen crown Princess Aurora and Prince Desiré as the new King and Queen of the kingdom.



Act 3

Instructions:

Fold page 1 in half. Cut out the booklet pages on pages 2 and 3, along the outside outlines. Fold the small top tab to the back, and open out again. Stack the pages on top of one another, with the title page on top. Glue the tabs to each other. Fold the tabs to the back, and glue the whole booklet onto the blank side of page 1. Let your child write the main ideas from the story onto the appropriate pages.